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Man Pleads Guilty in Downtown Vehicle Attack on Pedestrians

A 34-year-old man who drove his vehicle into a group of pedestrians in downtown Los Angeles pleaded guilty to one felony count of assault with a deadly weapon today, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Ryad Boudghene Stambouli, who is a French national, was immediately sentenced to three years of probation and 18 days of time served in county jail. He also paid \$8,500 in restitution to the victims as part of the negotiated plea agreement.

According to prosecutors, Boudghene Stambouli was asleep early on April 23 in his SUV in a parking lot at Vignes Street and East Cesar Chavez Avenue when he was awoken by a group of people who confronted him from outside of the vehicle.

The group surrounded the car, pounding on the vehicle and challenging him to a fight, according to court testimony. As they walked away, the defendant attempted to flee in his vehicle and hit the group, causing injuries.

Deputy District Attorney Stefana Antonescu prosecuted case BA467562.

The Los Angeles Police Department, Central Division investigated the case.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.